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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DECISION ON J.C.S. 1907/170

A Note by the Secretaries

on

CINCSAC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING BERLIN SITUATION (S)

Note by the Secretaries

1.. At their meeting on 6 March 1959, after making an amendment to J.C.S. 1907/170, the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

a. Approved the recommendation in paragraph 4 of the Enclosure to J.C.S. 1907/170.

b. Agreed to direct the J-3 to:

(1) Examine SM-252-59 and SM-255-59 to determine which parts of the remaining questions in CINCSAC's message C 2197 (DTG 021817Z Mar 59) were not answered by the message in the Appendix to J.C.S. 1907/170 and submit proposed answers thereto.

(2) Establish procedures for promptly advising CINCSAC and other unified and specified commanders of material developments in the Berlin situation and for supplying information appropriate to the changing situation.

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2. Holders are requested to substitute the attached revised pages 962 and 963, incorporating the amendment, and to destroy the superseded pages by burning.

3. The message in the Appendix to J.C.S. 1907/170 was dispatched as JCS 955878, dated 6 March 1959, to the addressees indicated therein. The J-3 was directed by SM-268-59, dated 6 March 1959, to take the actions indicated in subparagraphs 1 b (1) and (2) above.

4. In that the Commandant had expressed direct concern of the Marine Corps in this matter, the provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code 141 (c), applied and were followed.

5. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of J.C.S. 1907/170.

H. L. HILLYARD,
J. O. COBB,
Joint Secretariat.

E N C L O S U R E

MEMORANDUM BY THE J-3

for the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

CINCSAC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING BERLIN SITUATION (A)

Reference: CINCSAC Message C 2197,
dated 2 March 1959

1. Problem: To reply to a CINCSAC priority request for information on a continuing basis concerning the Berlin situation.

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2. Information: CINCSAC is asking for current JCS evaluation of the Berlin situation and planning actions underway. He desires this on a continuing basis in order that SAC may respond effectively in any situation.

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3. Discussion: Since all unified and specified commanders are similarly concerned, they also have a need for over-all information as well as specific actions that might affect their command. Accordingly, recent JCS papers which would be of value to the unified and specified commanders are being forwarded to them by a Secretary's Memorandum. Further information will be prepared and dispatched as the situation warrants. The JCS approved this over-all procedure at their meeting on 4 March 1959. The message in the Appendix hereto would inform the commanders of this action, as well as reply to CINCSAC.

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4. Recommended Action: It is recommended that the message in the Appendix hereto be approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and dispatched by 5 March 1959.

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APPENDIX

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PRIORITY

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FROM: JCS WASH DC

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INFO: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE

FROM, JCS

Subject is Berlin.

The JCS have recommended a series of actions to SecDef 1
and Sec State. The first series of these recommendations are 2
being forwarded to you by courier under cover of SM-252-59* 3
and SM-255-59.** It is to be emphasized that these documents 4
represent JCS and Sec Def views only and are not to be construed 5
as having governmental approval. To date no final U.S. action 6
has been taken on any measure which would require action by 7
any unified or specified commander other than USCINCEUR. You 8
will be kept advised of significant changes in the Berlin 9
situation and of any U.S. actions which might affect your 10
command. 11

For CINCSAC. This constitutes interim reply to your C 2197 12
DTG 021817Z Mar 59 (NOTAL). 13

* Forwards J.C.S. 1907/162 and J.C.S. 1907/164

** Forwards J.C.S. 1907/165